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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC B65G47/51			
Applicant KRONES AG			

1.	This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application </div>
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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: CA 2 364 216 A1.

2. Document D1 discloses an apparatus 100 for the buffer-storage of objects, having two parallel conveyors 3, 5 which can be driven in opposite directions, and having a transfer arrangement 17, 4 which can be displaced along the conveyors by means of an at least one linear guide 25, 26 and is intended for transferring the objects between the conveyors (the at least one linear guide 25, 26 being arranged at a distance beneath a conveyor).

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the apparatus of D1 in that the at least one linear guide is arranged at a distance above a conveyor. This feature allows the linear guide to be protected against the action of fragments, liquids, etc.

This feature is not known from the available prior art or suggested by it.

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The current claim 1 is thus novel and inventive and thus meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

2.1 Claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1 and thus likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.